

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DECONGESTION OF PLATFORMS DURING FESTIVE SEASON

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government in a major step towards decongesting platforms during the festive season had decided not to sell platform tickets at New Delhi railway station from 20th to 31st December and in the month of November, 2007;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the average daily sale of platform tickets at New Delhi railway station;
- (d) the loss in terms of revenue the Government had suffered during the period the ban was imposed and step Government has planned to make up the loss;
- (e) whether the interests of the senior citizens and disabled persons was kept;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) whether such similar decisions would be taken in future in respect of other major cities of India if the present experiment proved successful ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRIR. VELU)

- (a) & (b): For decongesting platforms during festival seasons from 20th to 31st December 2007, sale of platform tickets was banned for one shift from 16.00 to 24.00 hours. From 7th to 15th November 2007, sale was banned in all the three shifts.
- (c): The daily average sale of platform tickets at New Delhi railway station was 23,067 in 2007.
- (d): Monetary loss was not taken into consideration as this step was taken keeping the security reasons and decongestion of platforms in view.
- (e)&(f): Keeping in view the interests of senior citizens and disabled persons, platform tickets were provided to them at the assistance booth near entry gate during the evening shift from 20th to 31st December 2007 and whole period from 7th to 15th November 2007, depending upon the need and the merits of these persons.
- (g): The concerned zonal railway will take suitable steps depending upon the situation.